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SUBJECT: SZULC ALLEGES CIA INVOLVEMENT IN MADAGASY "COUP"

1. WASHINGTON POST REPORTS THAT COMING ISSUE OF PENTHOUSE MAGAZINE CARRIES ARTICLE BY TAP SZULC ON CIA. PORTION OF POST ARTICLE ON MADAGASCAR FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE CIA WAS INVOLVED IN THE COUP THAT OVERTHREW THE MADAGASY REPUBLIC GOVERNMENT AND IN FEBRUARY, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE.(SIC)

THE CIA, SZULC SAID, HAS TIES TO THE MOBILE POLICE GROUP WHICH KILLED MADAGASY PRESIDENT RICHARD RATSIMANDRAVA FEB. 11. HE SAID U.S. AND CIA INTEREST IN MADAGASCAR LAY IN GETTING MILITARY FACILITIES AT A FORMER FRENCH BASE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE PERSIAN GULF.
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3. IF ASKED FOR COMMENT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WILL RESPOND
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